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Women's soccer begins 2018 campaign on August 17th

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Women's Soccer

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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women's soccer program kicks off the 2018 season August 17, with a meeting against Florida Gulf Coast in Fort Myers, Florida. The Eagles will begin practice on August 1 and will travel to Mercer and Jacksonville for two preseason exhibition matches.

2017 Replay

The backline for the Blue and White helped shut the door in 2017, allowing the Eagles to return to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament and post five clean-sheets throughout the year. In the month of August the Eagles backline allowed three goals and posted three of the five shutouts to begin the season 2-1-1. The Eagles finished the season 8-9-2 and collected the final two shutouts in conference play.

The Returnees

The Eagles return six girls from the 2017 roster who all made an impact on the field. [Junique Rodriguez](#) and [Ashton Adams](#) played almost every minute for the Blue and White in 2017 and will return for their senior season. [Madeline Jones](#) was the backbone for the back four, shutting down any chances that came her way. Rising sophomore [Claire Amici](#) burst onto the scene allowing the Eagles to have variety and versatility on the backline.

The Newcomers

With an incoming class of 13 girls, the Eagles welcomed four new defenders for the 2018 season. Three of those four girls join the team for their freshman season, while [Kristin Sandifer](#) transfers in from Alabama. Sandifer redshirted last season and will be eligible for action when she steps on campus. [Alanna Lutchmansingh](#), [Megan Przybylsz](#), and [Taylor Regensburger](#) will help the Eagles depth during the 2018 season.

Coach [Emily Grant](#)'s Thoughts

"We are very excited about the strength in our back line this upcoming year. We return all four starters from last year with three of those being seniors. [Madeline Jones](#), [Ashton Adams](#), and [Junique Rodriguez](#) have all played significant minutes over the course of their careers and that veteran experience is something that we are really excited about. Additionally, we add three very good defenders within the freshman class. All three have the ability to add depth for us in the back and make us even stronger in that area."

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